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**TO THE**  
**GODMANCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

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MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1945.

The Borough as in previous years is still very fully inhabited.

Many of the houses are neglected and in poor condition, some of them are well worth repair when this can be done.

An extensive clearance scheme has been prepared and plans for a new housing estate made.

The water supply is adequate and a sewage system on modern lines a very necessary undertaking is being put in hand as soon as possible.

The health of the community has been good, the birth rate is considerably higher than that of the country as a whole, the death rate lower.

**Staff.**

*Medical Officer of Health:*

J. R. GARROOD, M. D., D. P. H.

*Sanitary Inspector:*

F. G. LANE, A. M. I. S. E.

### Statistics & Social Conditions.

Live Births					51
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	43
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	8
Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated					
resident population			...	...	22·9
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	16·1
Still Births					2
Still Birth rate per 1000 total (live					
and still) births	...	...	...	...	37·7
Death Rates					
Death rate per 1000 of the estimated					
resident population			...	...	9·8
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	11·4
Death Rate from Puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	0
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—					
All Infants per 1000 live births	...	...	...	...	0
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	46·0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate					
live Births	...	...	...	...	0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live					
births	...	...	...	...	0
Causes of Death.					
				Male	Female
Tuberculosis.	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer of Buc., Cav. &c.	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	1	2
Diabetes	...	...	...	1	—
Intra cranial vascular Lesions	...	...	...	1	2
Heart Disease	...	...	...	5	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	1	—
Appendicitis	...	...	...	—	1
Other Digestive Disease	...	...	...	—	2
All other causes	...	...	...	—	2
All causes	...	...	...	12	10

## General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

## Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Herewith is a summary of work caused to be done during 1944.

Total number of Inspections made	...	80
Notices served	... ..	12
(Informal 12 Statutory 0.)		
Complaints received	... Total No. of	27
Premises, Houses, etc.	... No. inspected	80
	... Nuisances abated	20
Pool, ditch, gutter, water-course	... No. inspected	1
	... Nuisances abated	1
Animals improperly kept	... No. inspected	—
	... Nuisances abated	—
Privy, Urinal, cesspool, ash-pit	... No. inspected	2
	... Nuisances abated	2
Drain, Drain-traps, etc.	... No. inspected	4
	... Nuisances abated	4
House, or part thereof overcrowded	... No. inspected	6
	... Nuisances abated	1
Smoke nuisances	... No. of observations	—
	... Nuisances abated	—

Offensive accumulations		No. inspected ...	—
		Nuisances abated ...	—
Other sanitary conditions		No. inspected ...	—
		Nuisances abated ...	—
Lodging Houses ...		No. registered ...	—
		No. of inspections ...	—
Slaughter Houses ...		No. licensed or registered...	—
		No. of inspections ...	—
Offensive trades (sec. 112 P. Health Act, 1875)		No. established ...	—
		No. of inspections ...	—
Canal Boats ...		No. registered ...	—
		No. of inspections ...	—
		No. with infectious	
		diseases on board ...	—
Housing Act, 1936 ...		No. houses condemned ...	6
		No. closed ...	6
		No. cleaned and	
		limewashed ...	—
Food—seizures of unwhole- some ...		No. of ...	4
Pail or earth closets ...		New provided ...	3
		Converted to W.C.'s ...	3
Privy Middens ...		(New provided ...	—
		No. repaired ...	—
		No. converted to pails ...	—
		No. converted to W.C.'s ...	—
Water closets ...		New provided ...	4
		No. supplied with water	—
Ashpits ...		New provided ...	—
		No. converted to ashbins	—
Water Supply ...		Samples taken for analysis	2
		Samples condemned ...	1
		Wells closed ...	—
		Well cleansed,	
		repaired, etc. ...	—
		Public supply substituted	
		for well or pond	—
		Cisterns cleansed, repaired	
		covered ...	—
		Waste pipes disconnected	
		from drain ...	1

A satisfactory piped supply is provided. The wells are doubtful.



Housing, etc., Act 1909			No. of houses closed ...	3
			No. houses made habitable	3
			No. houses demolished...	—
Building Bye Laws adopted			... ..	—
Total Legal Proceedings, i.e., Summonses, etc.			... ..	—
			Convictions ... ..	—
Factory and Workshop Act, 1937.				
Factories	...	...	Total number on register (including bakehouses)	14
			No. in which nuisances abated ... ..	—
Bakehouses	...	...	No. on register ... ..	4
			No. in which nuisances abated ... ..	1
Home Work	...	...	No. of outworkers ... ..	—
			No. of houses ... ..	—
			No. on infected houses...	—
Legal Proceedings, i.e., Summonses, etc.			... ..	—
			Convictions ... ..	—

F. G. LANE, *Sanitary Inspector.*

J. R. GARROOD, M.O.I.  
6th February, 1946.



### Housing Statistics.

No. of houses inspected	...	...	...	80
No. found unfit	...	...	...	4
No. of representations made to Local Authority	...	...	...	—
No. of Closing Orders	...	...	...	4
No. of houses with defects remedied without Closing Orders	...	...	...	—
No. of houses made habitable after Closing Order	...	...	...	no
Any compulsory demolition?	...	...	...	4
No. of houses unfit, but still occupied	...	...	...	4

### Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order.

#### Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers).

No. in District	...	...	...	12
No. Registered	...	...	...	12
No. of Inspections of Premises...	...	...	...	36
No. of Inspections during Milking Time	...	...	...	1
No. of Premises required Whitewashing, Cleansing, etc.	...	...	...	1
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	—
No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary Improvements	...	...	...	1
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	—

#### Premises with Well Water Supply—

No. of	...	...	...	4
No. of from which water analysed	...	...	(good)	1

#### Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Butter and Cheese Makers)

No. in District	...	...	...	12
No. of Inspections of Premises	...	...	...	36

F. G. LANE,

6th February, 1946.

Sanitary Inspector.

Table showing the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1944.

Disease.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3
Measles	...	...	...	26
Whooping Cough...	...	...	...	7
Erysipelas	...	...	...	2
Jaundice	...	...	...	3

#### Diphtheria.

Immunisation of School Children is done by M. O. H. at the Schools, as well as some infants between 1 and 5 years.

92.12 of School Children were protected.

Infants under 5 are Immunised by the Infant Welfare Authority (Hunts C. C.)

## Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ...			1					
25 ...	1							
35 ...								
45 ...	1							
55 ...					1			
65 and upwards								
Total	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. GARROOD,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*





